

FISCAL NOTE

HB 168 - SB 1689

February 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the use of toxic waste in any land preparation application; also prohibits the use of any substance containing heavy metals as fertilizer. Establishes a Class E felony for violations of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,800/Incarceration*

Assumptions:

- One person every three years will be convicted of a Class E felony.
- The Department of Agriculture currently has the capability to run analysis on heavy metals. Any resources required to investigate violations could be absorbed in the current budget.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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